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Maya's tights and it looked good with the angel wings and halo. Saturday night was definitely the most fun though because I went out with my sorority sisters and I also brought along Tommy and Brian and got to introduce them to how fun sorority life can be so that was cool. Then I also went on Sunday night because that was the actual Halloween day and so I dressed up as a cowgirl. All in all, it was a super awesome weekend but I was so exhausted and I'm definitely coming down with a cold. My body is mad at me for taking it so many places. I think I'm going to try to take it easy next weekend. I'm so excited for tomorrow because all the new members are making their lists of who they want as their big sister. A big sister is an older member in the sorority who literally acts as a big sister to you, shows you the ways of the sisterhood and looks out for you no matter what. They're a really big deal and lots of fun so I can't wait to make my list and find out who my big sis is! Next week is when all of the good stuff happens and big sis reveal lasts like the entire week. Your big sis gets you a gift each day with a clue revealing more and more about who she is. My dad is coming this weekend so that should also be good to see him and he's bringing some stuff that I've run out of (laundry detergent, batteries, stamps) so that's a plus.

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Never a Dull Moment – October 27, 2010

Wow, it's been quite a few weeks lately. I'm so busy! Between midterms and sorority events, I hardly have time to relax. Being in a sorority is a lot of fun, but I didn't realize what a huge time commitment it was going to be. I really love it and I'm getting a lot closer with the girls, but it's a lot to handle when midterms are going on. I've two so far and I have my last one tomorrow (thankfully). I'm hoping that once midterms are over and I get back into my normal schedule, things won't seem as hectic. Today especially felt like I had so much work to do. I have a big business midterm tomorrow that I haven't even started studying for, a paper for history that I'm about half way done with, a project for my FIG, which I finished, and I had to go to my sorority to do this thing called Study Tables where you have to commit two hours a week being focused on schoolwork in a quiet room. It is actually really helpful because sometimes studying or working on a paper in my dorm can be distracting, but my house is super far away from the dorms so getting there is a pain. The past couple weeks have just been so crazy with midterms. So far I've taken World History and Folklore and I'm glad to have those out of the way now. I've had a little time for fun though. Yesterday, a few of my sisters and I went to a pumpkin patch and I got two little pumpkins for my dorm room. All of the girls that I went with were so sweet and I had a really good time. This weekend is Halloween so that should be fun! I also have this thing called Serenade on Thursday where a bunch of the new girls go around to all the Fraternities and we perform a little dance and song for them. It's really silly, but I've heard it's a big bonding experience and a lot of fun. Hopefully my friends and I will find something fun to do on Halloween. I have four costumes! I'm going to be a butterfly, a nerd, a cat, and an angel. None of them are super original, but that's okay. I still need to find a white dress or skirt for my angel costume though. I've been looking everywhere and I can't find one!

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Getting Hooked – October 15, 2010

Being in a sorority is so much fun! I love all the girls and everyone is so friendly. I just came back from a really fun night. It was our brother fraternity, Sigma Pi's bid night for their new members so they threw a nautical themed party for all their pledges and for all the Gamma Phi Betas. Everyone dressed up and it was so cute seeing all the creative ways people took the theme of nautical. Marley and I dressed up as sailors. I wore a blue and white striped shirt, jean shorts, a red belt, and white shoes. I really needed a sailor hat, but nobody had one. Most people had pretty much the same outfit, excepts others got really creative dressing up as mermaids, lifeguards, swimmers and even a jelly fish! Basically the theme turned into "Under the Sea" as opposed to nautical, but that's okay. The party was at Sigma Pi's house so all the girls met up at our house and then we walked over to Sigma Pi together. It was a long walk and I was in shorts so I was very cold! Oh, the sacrifices I make for a cute outfit... When we got to the house, there were a lot of people there and they had a DJ blasting music and disco lights. The dance floor was filled with Sigma Pi boys and Gamma Phi girls dancing and having a great time. We danced the night away and it was a blast. The Sigma Pi boys were all really welcoming and nice, always checking up us to make sure we were having a good time. At the end of the night, I was exhausted so I went right to bed when I got home.

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My New Sisters – October 6, 2010

I'M IN GAMMA PHI BETA! AHH I'M SO HAPPY!! Bid night was absolutely amazing. All the girls rounded up in the EMU amphitheater and we were handed envelopes that had our bids in them. We did a countdown from 10 and when we got to 0, everyone opened their envelopes. I opened mine and my card read, "The Nu Chapter cordially invites Ziva Sholin to become a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority". I screamed so loud, everyone was shouting so loudly and jumping up and down and hugging each other. It was so crazy and exciting. Then we all ran to our new house and got t-shirts and met all girls. Then we went on this big scavenger hunt where we were running all over the house, finding clues and eventually it led to a Gamma Phi Beta purse for each of us that had a pink carnation (that's our flower), a string of pearls, a sticker, and a water bottle in it. After that a bunch of people went out to get frozen yogurt and then we went to one of the girls' apartment and hung out and watched TV. We watched Teen Mom and it was hilarious. It was really fun and all the girls were so funny and friendly. Marley is in Gamma Phi too which is so exciting! tomorrow we're going roller skating with our brother Frat, Sigma Pi. It's 80's themed so that should be fun. I loving it and I can't wait to officially be a part of the house.

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Anticipation – October 5, 2010

I get my bid tonight! I get my bid tonight! Woooo. I'm so freaking excited I can't even believe it. My top three choices are Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Delta, and then Tri Delta, but I really really want Gamma Phi Beta. It's so awesome and the girls are really sweet. So next time I write I will know which one I'm in! I literally about to pee in my pants right now. I can't even focus on anything else because I'm just counting down the hours. Also I'm distracted because Hannah and I are blasting the Pina Colada song in our room and singing so loudly to it. It's hilarious. But I wanted to write about the game. I went with Jordan and Marley and it was so much fun! We were able to sneak into the student section and the ducks beat Stanford 52 to 31! The stadium was packed with people and everyone was being so loud and crazy. I loved it. After the game we came back to campus and met up with Tommy, Aleco and some other friends. We went to this delicious calzone place called Dough Co. After we ate (I had a tomato pesto calzone), we met up with Brian from the third floor and his friend named Paul. He's really tall so we call him Tall Paul. We all walked around near the fraternities for awhile, but there wasn't anything exciting going on so we decided to go back to the dorms. A bunch of us were hanging out and then gradually people started trickling out and going to bed. Eventually it was just me, Paul, Marley, and Brian. We were talking about everything and anything and it was so fun. I really liked it. So we were just talking and lost track of time and it kept getting later and later. Before I knew it, it was 6 AM! At that point we decided we really needed to actually go to sleep especially because Marley and I had rush at 11 AM the next time. But I didn't end up falling asleep until 6:30 in the morning! Isn't that so crazy? It was so much fun though and it felt like a true college experience.

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Busy, Busy, Busy! – September 30, 2010

Wow, I can't believe how crazy these last few days have been. I'm liking it here so much more and I feel a lot more comfortable living here. Classes are really stressful – they're huge! It's intimidating, but I'm adjusting. For most of the big lectures we have small discussion sections with mostly the people from my FIG. The discussion teachers are grad students. I had my first discussion class today and it made me realize that I miss being with a smaller amount of people. It feels more like class as opposed to a show almost, which is sometimes how the lectures feel. Also I have a lot of reading for my classes that I haven't really done which is so bad, but it's so hard to motivate myself to read something we don't even really talk about in class. I'm gonna need to get better study habits.

Anyway on to more interesting news: rush! Yesterday night was orientation which was pretty pointless but tonight the parties started. They are not parties though like what usually comes to mind. Last night they split all the girls up into groups by last name (I'm in group 19) and we go to the parties in our smaller groups of about thirty girls. At the parties, everyone lines up in order and the girls come out, introduce themselves with their song, the president welcomes us, and then the girls come up one by one and say either "I'd like to welcome the both of you" or "I'd like to welcome the next lady" and they lead you to an area around the house and you sit and talk with them for about ten minutes and then

the girls switch and you talk with a different girl. For all except one of the houses, I was with a partner which really sucked because since I'm a little more nervous at first I felt like I was being out shined by the other girl. The whole process was really overwhelming, but I actually had a lot of fun. I really hope I get called back to some houses, I'll be so sad if I don't. Sometimes I feel intimidated, but I'm really working on trying to stay confident and positive.

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I've Got to Admit it's Getting Better – September 27, 2010

Yesterday was so much better. Classes start today – in about two hours. Yesterday's highlight didn't come until later in the day, but when it did I was happy. I woke up late, had breakfast in the room, hung out by myself for a pretty long time and then there was this thing call convocation at 3:30. We had to go down to it in our FIG so Courtney and I met up with our FIG and we ran into Marley there so the 3 of us hung out and they were so nice. I already knew Courtney was really friendly but so was Marley. At the end of convocation, there was all this free food, but Courtney wanted to go watch the Charger's game and Marley and I didn't feel like waiting in line. So we went back to our dorms and exchanged all our snacks. Emily came in too and so were all just hanging out and talking and it was really cool. We chilled for like two hours and then there was a hall meeting. I thought the meeting was going to be a bunch of awkward ice breaker games but basically we just did one of those that wasn't even that awkward and then the FA and the RA just talked to us about rules. After that, I went back to my room, skyped with mom and Rachel, a friend from home (it was her birthday) and then the panic to get football tickets started. The way it works is that there's a certain amount of students tickets per class and they go up Sunday night at 10 PM for freshmen the week before the game. Pretty much every freshman is sitting at their computer praying and anticipating. I didn't get a ticket 😞 but it's the first game – I really wanted to go so Marley, her friend, Jordan and I decided to buy tickets. My ticket was \$75, but hopefully it'll be worth it. It was so fun though because everyone was just screaming and running around asking each other if they got tickets. Marley, Emily, Jackie and I went down to the boys' floor to ask them if they got tickets and they were all freaking out. Most of them got tickets though which was so unfair! It was fun seeing and talking to them though. Everyone seemed super friendly. After that whole excitement and hanging out with Marley, I decided that I want to rush (Marley and Jackie are) so I registered online and I'm actually really excited to do it. I've never thought of myself as a sorority girl, but we'll see.

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On My Own in Oregon – September 25, 2010

I'm here! Mom said bye this morning and it was so hard. I cried a lot. I'm not sure if I was really crying for her or crying because I'm so scared to be here. It hasn't been amazing so far. Hannah's super nice and I actually like her a lot but she knows a ton of people from her high school because she's

from Oregon so she hangs out with them a lot. I try to hang out with them too because they're all really nice but I'm such a fifth wheel. That's how I've been feeling everywhere since I've been her – out of place.

Thursday night we started out going to this frat party which turned out to be the Jewish frat which was a funny coincidence and I saw Sophie there from my youth group. We started talking and she introduced me to these friends of hers she knew from camp: Jackie, Jory and Max who were all nice. My roommate wanted to leave and go to a different party but I wasn't ready to leave yet. So I stayed with Sophie and Jackie because Jackie lives on the same floor as me. We stayed at the party for a pretty long time and then finally we walked back to campus and they were hungry. I didn't want to walk back to the dorm alone so I went with them and we ate and then hung out in Jory's room for awhile. Then we finally went back to the dorms and I went to bed at 2:30 AM, which is way too late for me. It was fun, but the whole time I felt like such a fifth wheel and like I was imposing on them.

Saturday, mom wanted to get an early start back home so she left around 9AM. Like I said, I cried my eyes out, but then when I came back to the room Hannah was being really nice and Courtney came in and invited us to brunch. We went with a couple other people from our floor including this girl named Maya who seemed pretty nice. She said she heard about a Saturday market downtown and I said I'd be interested in checking it out with her. S after brunch we went there which was fun for awhile. We came back to the dorms and a bunch of girls were hanging out in Jackie and Marley's room. That was actually really fun. Sophie was in there too, but then gradually people dispersed and Hannah's parents came so I wanted to come to our room and say hello. We were all in the room talking but then they had some business to take care of so they all left and then I was by myself. I occupied myself for awhile on Facebook, but that can get boring. Then I went into Tippy's room and we decided to go get dinner and go to Freebies at Freddy's, which was cool and I got a fridge for the room. I also got this picture frame college that I filled and I also surrounded it with pictures and I really like it. It makes me feel better but it also makes me miss home.

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Never a Dull Moment – October 27, 2010

Wow, it's been quite a few weeks lately. I'm so busy! Between midterms and sorority events, I hardly have time to relax. Being in a sorority is a lot of fun, but I didn't realize what a huge time commitment it was going to be. I really love it and I'm getting a lot closer with the girls, but it's a lot to handle when midterms are going on. I've two so far and I have my last one tomorrow (thankfully). I'm hoping that once midterms are over and I get back into my normal schedule, things won't seem as hectic. Today especially felt like I had so much work to do. I have a big business midterm tomorrow that I haven't even started studying for, a paper for history that I'm about half way done with, a project for my FIG, which I finished, and I had to go to my sorority to do this thing called Study Tables where you have to commit two hours a week being focused on schoolwork in a quiet room. It is actually really helpful because sometimes studying or working on a paper in my dorm can be distracting, but my house is super far away from the dorms so getting there is a pain. The past couple weeks have just been so crazy with midterms. So far I've taken World History and Folklore and I'm glad to have those out of the way now. I've had a little time for fun though. Yesterday, a few of my sisters and I went to a pumpkin patch and I got two little pumpkins for my dorm room. All of the girls that I went with were so sweet and I had a really good time. This weekend is Halloween so that should be fun! I also have this thing called Serenade on Thursday where a bunch of the new girls go around to all the Fraternities and we perform a little dance and song for them. It's really silly, but I've heard it's a big bonding experience and a lot of fun. Hopefully my friends and I will find something fun to do on Halloween. I have four costumes! I'm going to be a butterfly, a nerd, a cat, and an angel. None of them are super original, but that's okay. I still need to find a white dress or skirt for my angel costume though. I've been looking everywhere and I

can't find one!

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Getting Hooked – October 15, 2010

Being in a sorority is so much fun! I love all the girls and everyone is so friendly. I just came back from a really fun night. It was our brother fraternity, Sigma Pi's bid night for their new members so they threw a nautical themed party for all their pledges and for all the Gamma Phi Betas. Everyone dressed up and it was so cute seeing all the creative ways people took the theme of nautical. Marley and I dressed up as sailors. I wore a blue and white striped shirt, jean shorts, a red belt, and white shoes. I really needed a sailor hat, but nobody had one. Most people had pretty much the same outfit, excepts others got really creative dressing up as mermaids, lifeguards, swimmers and even a jelly fish! Basically the theme turned into "Under the Sea" as opposed to nautical, but that's okay. The party was at Sigma Pi's house so all the girls met up at our house and then we walked over to Sigma Pi together. It was a long walk and I was in shorts so I was very cold! Oh, the sacrifices I make for a cute outfit... When we got to the house, there were a lot of people there and they had a DJ blasting music and disco lights. The dance floor was filled with Sigma Pi boys and Gamma Phi girls dancing and having a great time. We danced the night away and it was a blast. The Sigma Pi boys were all really welcoming and nice, always checking up us to make sure we were having a good time. At the end of the night, I was exhausted so I went right to bed when I got home.

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My New Sisters – October 6, 2010

I'M IN GAMMA PHI BETA! AHH I'M SO HAPPY!! Bid night was absolutely amazing. All the girls rounded up in the EMU amphitheater and we were handed envelopes that had our bids in them. We did a countdown from 10 and when we got to 0, everyone opened their envelopes. I opened mine and my card read, "The Nu Chapter cordially invites Ziva Sholin to become a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority". I screamed so loud, everyone was shouting so loudly and jumping up and down and hugging each other. It was so crazy and exciting. Then we all ran to our new house and got t-shirts and met all girls. Then we went on this big scavenger hunt where we were running all over the house, finding clues and eventually it led to a Gamma Phi Beta purse for each of us that had a pink carnation (that's our flower), a string of pearls, a sticker, and a water bottle in it. After that a bunch of people went out to get frozen yogurt and then we went to one of the girls' apartment and hung out and watched TV. We watched Teen Mom and it was hilarious. It was really fun and all the girls were so funny and friendly. Marley is in Gamma Phi too which is so exciting! tomorrow we're going roller skating with our brother Frat, Sigma Pi. It's 80's themed so that should be fun. I loving it and I can't wait to officially be a part of the house.

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Anticipation – October 5, 2010

I get my bid tonight! I get my bid tonight! Woooo. I'm so freaking excited I can't even believe it. My top three choices are Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Delta, and then Tri Delta, but I really really want Gamma Phi Beta. It's so awesome and the girls are really sweet. So next time I write I will know which one I'm in! I literally about to pee in my pants right now. I can't even focus on anything else because I'm just counting down the hours. Also I'm distracted because Hannah and I are blasting the Pina Colada song in our room and singing so loudly to it. It's hilarious. But I wanted to write about the game. I went with Jordan and Marley and it was so much fun! We were able to sneak into the student section and the ducks beat Stanford 52 to 31! The stadium was packed with people and everyone was being so loud and crazy. I loved it. After the game we came back to campus and met up with Tommy, Aleco and some other friends. We went to this delicious calzone place called Dough Co. After we ate (I had a tomato pesto calzone), we met up with Brian from the third floor and his friend named Paul. He's really tall so we call him Tall Paul. We all walked around near the fraternities for awhile, but there wasn't anything exciting going on so we decided to go back to the dorms. A bunch of us were hanging out and then gradually people started trickling out and going to bed. Eventually it was just me, Paul, Marley, and Brian. We were talking about everything and anything and it was so fun. I really liked it. So we were just talking and lost track of time and it kept getting later and later. Before I knew it, it was 6 AM! At that point we decided we really needed to actually go to sleep especially because Marley and I had rush at 11 AM the next time. But I didn't end up falling asleep until 6:30 in the morning! Isn't that so crazy? It was so much fun though and it felt like a true college experience.

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Busy, Busy, Busy! – September 30, 2010

Wow, I can't believe how crazy these last few days have been. I'm liking it here so much more and I feel a lot more comfortable living here. Classes are really stressful – they're huge! It's intimidating, but I'm adjusting. For most of the big lectures we have small discussion sections with mostly the people from my FIG. The discussion teachers are grad students. I had my first discussion class today and it made me realize that I miss being with a smaller amount of people. It feels more like class as opposed to a show almost, which is sometimes how the lectures feel. Also I have a lot of reading for my classes that I haven't really done which is so bad, but it's so hard to motivate myself to read something we don't even really talk about in class. I'm gonna need to get better study habits.

Anyway on to more interesting news: rush! Yesterday night was orientation which was pretty pointless but tonight the parties started. They are not parties though like what usually comes to mind. Last night they split all the girls up into groups by last name (I'm in group 19) and we go to the parties in our smaller groups of about thirty girls. At the parties, everyone lines up in order and the girls come out, introduce themselves with their song, the president welcomes us, and then the girls come up one by one and say either "I'd

like to welcome the both of you” or “I’d like to welcome the next lady” and they lead you to an area around the house and you sit and talk with them for about ten minutes and then the girls switch and you talk with a different girl. For all except one of the houses, I was with a partner which really sucked because since I’m a little more nervous at first I felt like I was being out shined by the other girl. The whole process was really overwhelming, but I actually had a lot of fun. I really hope I get called back to some houses, I’ll be so sad if I don’t. Sometimes I feel intimidated, but I’m really working on trying to stay confident and positive.

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I’ve Got to Admit it’s Getting Better – September 27, 2010

Yesterday was so much better. Classes start today – in about two hours. Yesterday’s highlight didn’t come until later in the day, but when it did I was happy. I woke up late, had breakfast in the room, hung out by myself for a pretty long time and then there was this thing call convocation at 3:30. We had to go down to it in our FIG so Courtney and I met up with our FIG and we ran into Marley there so the 3 of us hung out and they were so nice. I already knew Courtney was really friendly but so was Marley. At the end of convocation, there was all this free food, but Courtney wanted to go watch the Charger’s game and Marley and I didn’t feel like waiting in line. So we went back to our dorms and exchanged all our snacks. Emily came in too and so were all just hanging out and talking and it was really cool. We chilled for like two hours and then there was a hall meeting. I thought the meeting was going to be a bunch of awkward ice breaker games but basically we just did one of those that wasn’t even that awkward and then the FA and the RA just talked to us about rules. After that, I went back to my room, skyped with mom and Rachel, a friend from home (it was her birthday) and then the panic to get football tickets started. The way it works is that there’s a certain amount of students tickets per class and they go up Sunday night at 10 PM for freshmen the week before the game. Pretty much every freshman is sitting at their computer praying and anticipating. I didn’t get a ticket 😞 but it’s the first game – I really wanted to go so Marley, her friend, Jordan and I decided to buy tickets. My ticket was \$75, but hopefully it’ll be worth it. It was so fun though because everyone was just screaming and running around asking each other if they got tickets. Marley, Emily, Jackie and I went down to the boys’ floor to ask them if they got tickets and they were all freaking out. Most of them got tickets though which was so unfair! It was fun seeing and talking to them though. Everyone seemed super friendly. After that whole excitement and hanging out with Marley, I decided that I want to rush (Marley and Jackie are) so I registered online and I’m actually really excited to do it. I’ve never thought of myself as a sorority girl, but we’ll see.

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On My Own in Oregon – September 25, 2010

I’m here! Mom said bye this morning and it was so hard. I cried a lot. I’m not sure if I was really crying for her or crying

because I'm so scared to be here. It hasn't been amazing so far. Hannah's super nice and I actually like her a lot but she knows a ton of people from her high school because she's from Oregon so she hangs out with them a lot. I try to hang out with them too because they're all really nice but I'm such a fifth wheel. That's how I've been feeling everywhere since I've been here – out of place.

Thursday night we started out going to this frat party which turned out to be the Jewish frat which was a funny coincidence and I saw Sophie there from my youth group. We started talking and she introduced me to these friends of hers she knew from camp: Jackie, Jory and Max who were all nice. My roommate wanted to leave and go to a different party but I wasn't ready to leave yet. So I stayed with Sophie and Jackie because Jackie lives on the same floor as me. We stayed at the party for a pretty long time and then finally we walked back to campus and they were hungry. I didn't want to walk back to the dorm alone so I went with them and we ate and then hung out in Jory's room for awhile. Then we finally went back to the dorms and I went to bed at 2:30 AM, which is way too late for me. It was fun, but the whole time I felt like such a fifth wheel and like I was imposing on them.

Saturday, mom wanted to get an early start back home so she left around 9AM. Like I said, I cried my eyes out, but then when I came back to the room Hannah was being really nice and Courtney came in and invited us to brunch. We went with a couple other people from our floor including this girl named Maya who seemed pretty nice. She said she heard about a Saturday market downtown and I said I'd be interested in checking it out with her. So after brunch we went there which was fun for awhile. We came back to the dorms and a bunch of girls were hanging out in Jackie and Marley's room. That was actually really fun. Sophie was in there too, but then gradually people dispersed and Hannah's parents came so I wanted to come to our room and say hello. We were all in the room talking but then they had some business to take care of so they all left and then I was by myself. I occupied myself for awhile on Facebook, but that can get boring. Then I went into Tippy's room and we decided to go get dinner and go to Freebies at Freddy's, which was cool and I got a fridge for the room. I also got this picture frame college that I filled and I also surrounded it with pictures and I really like it. It makes me feel better but it also makes me miss home.

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Halloweekend – November 3, 2010

November 3, 2010 ziva

Halloween weekend was so fun! The festivities all started with Thursday. My sorority does this thing called Serenade where a bunch of the new members make up a dance and do a parody of a song and go around to all the fraternities and perform it for them. We dress up and all get really excited about it before so it was fun. I was little nervous to do it, but all the older members said it was a big bonding experience so I decided to give it a try. It was pretty embarrassing, but I'm glad I did it. On Friday night, I dressed up as a cat. I know that's not the most original costume, but I made it work. I wore mostly items of clothing that didn't belong to me. I wore a black tank top (that was mine), Emily's black skirt, Marley's black cardigan, and Hannah's black tights which were really cute. We went out and that was a pretty fun night. Then on Saturday, I was freaking out because I still didn't have a white dress for my angel costume and that's what I wanted to be on Saturday night. So Hannah drove us all to the mall and I got one at Forever 21. I was losing hope at first because it took forever to find one, but I did eventually and it actually ended up working out really well. I borrowed Maya's tights and it looked good with the angel wings and halo. Saturday night was definitely the most fun though because I went out with my sorority sisters and I also brought along Tommy and Brian and got to introduce them to how fun sorority life can be so that was cool. Then I also went on Sunday night because that was the actual Halloween day and so I dressed up as a cowgirl. All in all, it was a super awesome weekend but I was so exhausted and I'm definitely coming down with a cold. My body is mad at me for taking it so many places. I think I'm going to try to take it easy next weekend. I'm so excited for tomorrow because all the new members are making their lists of who they want as their big sister. A big sister is an older member in the sorority who literally acts as a big sister to you, shows you the ways of the sisterhood and looks out for you no matter what. They're a really big deal and lots of fun so I can't wait to make my list and find out who my big sis is! Next week is when all of the good stuff happens and big sis reveal lasts like the entire week. Your big sis gets you a gift each day with a clue revealing more and more about who she is. My dad is coming this weekend so that should also be good to see him and he's bringing some stuff that I've run out of (laundry detergent, batteries, stamps) so that's a plus.

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Never a Dull Moment – October 27, 2010

October 27, 2010 ziva

Wow, it's been quite a few weeks lately. I'm so busy! Between midterms and sorority events, I hardly have time to relax. Being in a sorority is a lot of fun, but I didn't realize what a huge time commitment it was going to be. I really love it and I'm getting a lot closer with the girls, but it's a lot to handle when midterms are going on. I've two so far and I have my last one tomorrow (thankfully). I'm hoping that once midterms are over and I get back into my normal schedule, things won't seem as hectic. Today especially felt like I had so much work to do. I have a big business midterm tomorrow that I haven't even started studying for, a paper for history that I'm about half way done with, a project for my FIG, which I finished, and I had to go to my sorority to do this thing called Study Tables where you have to commit two hours a week being focused on schoolwork in a quiet room. It is actually really helpful because sometimes studying or working on a paper in my dorm can be distracting, but my house is super far away from the dorms so getting there is a pain. The past couple weeks have just been so crazy with midterms. So far I've taken World History and Folklore and I'm glad to have those out of the way now. I've had a little time for fun though. Yesterday, a few of my sisters and I went to a pumpkin patch and I got two little pumpkins for my dorm room. All of the girls that I went with were so sweet and I had a really good time. This weekend is Halloween so that should be fun! I also have this thing called Serenade on Thursday where a bunch of the new girls go around to all the Fraternities and we perform a little dance and song for them. It's really silly, but I've heard it's a big bonding experience and a lot of fun. Hopefully my friends and I will find something fun to do on Halloween. I have four costumes! I'm going to be a butterfly, a nerd, a cat, and an angel. None of them are super original, but that's okay. I still need to find a white dress or skirt for my angel costume though. I've been looking everywhere and I can't find one!

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Getting Hooked – October 15, 2010

October 27, 2010 ziva

Being in a sorority is so much fun! I love all the girls and everyone is so friendly. I just came back from a really fun night. It was our brother fraternity, Sigma Pi's bid night for their new members so they threw a nautical themed party for all their pledges and for all the Gamma Phi Betas. Everyone dressed up and it was so cute seeing all the creative ways people took the theme of nautical. Marley and I dressed up as sailors. I wore a blue and white striped shirt, jean shorts, a red belt, and white shoes. I really needed a sailor hat, but nobody had one. Most people had pretty much the same outfit, excepts others got really creative dressing up as mermaids, lifeguards, swimmers and even a jelly fish! Basically the theme turned into "Under the Sea" as opposed to nautical, but that's okay. The party was at Sigma Pi's house so all the girls met up at our house and then we walked over to Sigma Pi together. It was a long walk and I was in shorts so I was very cold! Oh, the sacrifices I make for a cute outfit... When we got to the house, there were a lot of people there and they had a DJ blasting music and disco lights. The dance floor was filled with Sigma Pi boys and Gamma Phi girls dancing and having a great time. We danced the night away and it was a blast. The Sigma Pi boys were all really welcoming and nice, always checking up us to make sure we were having a good time. At the end of the night, I was exhausted so I went right to bed when I got home.

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My New Sisters – October 6, 2010

October 19, 2010 ziva

I'M IN GAMMA PHI BETA! AHH I'M SO HAPPY!! Bid night was absolutely amazing. All the girls rounded up in the EMU amphitheater and we were handed envelopes that had our bids in them. We did a countdown from 10 and when we got to 0, everyone opened their envelopes. I opened mine and my card read, "The Nu Chapter cordially invites Ziva Sholin to become a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority". I screamed so loud, everyone was shouting so loudly and jumping up and down and hugging each other. It was so crazy and exciting. Then we all ran to our new house and got t-shirts and met all girls. Then we went on this big scavenger hunt where we were running all over the house, finding clues and eventually it led to a Gamma Phi Beta purse for each of us that had a pink carnation (that's our flower), a string of pearls, a sticker, and a water bottle in it. After that a bunch of people went out to get frozen yogurt and then we went to one of the girls' apartment and hung out and watched TV. We watched Teen Mom and it was hilarious. It was really fun and all the girls were so funny and friendly. Marley is in Gamma Phi too which is so exciting! tomorrow we're going roller skating with our brother Frat, Sigma Pi. It's 80's themed so that should be fun. I loving it and I can't wait to officially be a part of the house.

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Anticipation – October 5, 2010

October 19, 2010 ziva

I get my bid tonight! I get my bid tonight! Woooo. I'm so freaking excited I can't even believe it. My top three choices are Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Delta, and then Tri Delta, but I really really want Gamma Phi Beta. It's so awesome and the girls are really sweet. So next time I write I will know which one I'm in! I literally about to pee in my pants right now. I can't even focus on anything else because I'm just counting down the hours. Also I'm distracted because Hannah and I are blasting the Pina Colada song in our room and singing so loudly to it. It's hilarious. But I wanted to write about the game. I went with Jordan and Marley and it was so much fun! We were able to sneak into the student section and the ducks beat Stanford 52 to 31! The stadium was packed with people and everyone was being so loud and crazy. I loved it. After the game we came back to campus and met up with Tommy, Aleco and some other friends. We went to this delicious calzone place called Dough Co. After we ate (I had a tomato pesto calzone), we met up with Brian from the third floor and his friend named Paul. He's really tall so we call him Tall Paul. We all walked around near the fraternities for awhile, but there wasn't anything exciting going on so we decided to go back to the dorms. A bunch of us were hanging out and then gradually people started trickling out and going to bed. Eventually it was just me, Paul, Marley, and Brian. We were talking about everything and anything and it was so fun. I really liked it. So we were just talking and lost track of time and it kept getting later and later. Before I knew it, it was 6 AM! At that point we decided we really needed to actually go to sleep especially because Marley and I had rush at 11 AM the next time. But I didn't end up falling asleep until 6:30 in the morning! Isn't that so crazy? It was so much fun though and it felt like a true college experience.

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Ziva's First Year at the UO

Busy, Busy, Busy! – September 30, 2010

October 10, 2010 ziva

Wow, I can't believe how crazy these last few days have been. I'm liking it here so much more and I feel a lot more comfortable living here. Classes are really stressful – they're huge! It's intimidating, but I'm adjusting. For most of the big lectures we have small discussion sections with mostly the people from my FIG. The discussion teachers are grad students. I had my first discussion class today and it made me realize that I miss being with a smaller amount of people. It feels more like class as opposed to a show almost, which is sometimes how the lectures feel. Also I have a lot of reading for my classes that I haven't really done which is so bad, but it's so hard to motivate myself to read something we don't even really talk about in class. I'm gonna need to get better study habits.

Anyway on to more interesting news: rush! Yesterday night was orientation which was pretty pointless but tonight the parties started. They are not parties though like what usually comes to mind. Last night they split all the girls up into groups by last name (I'm in group 19) and we go to the parties in our smaller groups of about thirty girls. At the parties, everyone lines up in order and the girls come out, introduce themselves with their song, the president welcomes us, and then the girls come up one by one and say either "I'd like to welcome the both of you" or "I'd like to welcome the next lady" and they lead you to an area around the house and you sit and talk with them for about ten minutes and then the girls switch and you talk with a different girl. For all except one of the houses, I was with a partner which really sucked because since I'm a little more nervous at first I felt like I was being out shined by the other girl. The whole process was really overwhelming, but I actually had a lot of fun. I really hope I get called back to some houses, I'll be so sad if I don't. Sometimes I feel intimidated, but I'm really working on trying to stay confident and positive.

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I've Got to Admit it's Getting Better – September 27, 2010

October 8, 2010 ziva

Yesterday was so much better. Classes start today – in about two hours. Yesterday's highlight didn't come until later in the day, but when it did I was happy. I woke up late, had breakfast in the room, hung out by myself for a pretty long time and then there was this thing call convocation at 3:30. We had to go down to it in our FIG so Courtney and I met up with our FIG and we ran into Marley there so the 3 of us hung out and they were so nice. I already knew Courtney was really friendly but so was Marley. At the end of convocation, there was all this free food, but Courtney wanted to go watch the Charger's game and Marley and I didn't feel like waiting in line. So we went back to our dorms and exchanged all our snacks. Emily came in too and so were all just hanging out and talking and it was really cool. We chilled for like two hours and then there was a hall meeting. I thought the meeting was going to be a bunch of awkward ice breaker games but basically we just did one of those that wasn't even that awkward and then the FA and the RA just talked to us about rules. After that, I went back to my room, skyped with mom and Rachel, a friend from home (it was her birthday) and then the panic to get football tickets started. The way it works is that there's a certain amount of students tickets per class and they go up Sunday night at 10 PM for freshmen the week before the game. Pretty much every freshman is sitting at their computer praying and anticipating. I didn't get a ticket 😞 but it's the first game – I really wanted to go so Marley, her friend, Jordan and I decided to buy tickets. My ticket was \$75, but hopefully it'll be worth it. It was so fun though because everyone was just screaming and running around asking each other if they got tickets. Marley, Emily, Jackie and I went down to the boys' floor to ask them if they got tickets and they were all freaking out. Most of them got tickets though which was so unfair! It was fun seeing and talking to them though. Everyone seemed super friendly. After that whole excitement and hanging out with Marley, I decided that I want to rush (Marley and Jackie are) so I registered online and I'm actually really excited to do it. I've never thought of myself as a sorority girl, but we'll see.

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On My Own in Oregon – September 25, 2010

October 7, 2010 ziva

I'm here! Mom said bye this morning and it was so hard. I cried a lot. I'm not sure if I was really crying for her or crying because I'm so scared to be here. It hasn't been amazing so far. Hannah's super nice and I actually like her a lot but she knows a ton of people from her high school because she's from Oregon so she hangs out with them a lot. I try to hang out with them too because they're all really nice but I'm such a fifth wheel. That's how I've been feeling everywhere since I've been her – out of place.

Thursday night we started out going to this frat party which turned out to be the Jewish frat which was a funny coincidence and I saw Sophie there from my youth group. We started talking and she introduced me to these friends of hers she knew from camp: Jackie, Jory and Max who were all nice. My roommate wanted to leave and go to a different party but I wasn't ready to leave yet. So I stayed with Sophie and Jackie because Jackie lives on the same floor as me. We stayed at the party for a pretty long time and then finally we walked back to campus and they were hungry. I didn't want to walk back to the dorm alone so I went with them and we ate and then hung out in Jory's room for awhile. Then we finally went back to the dorms and I went to bed at 2:30 AM, which is way too late for me. It was fun, but the whole time I felt like such a fifth wheel and like I was imposing on them.

Saturday, mom wanted to get an early start back home so she left around 9AM. Like I said, I cried my eyes out, but then when I came back to the room Hannah was being really nice and Courtney came in and invited us to brunch. We went with a couple other people from our floor including this girl named Maya who seemed pretty nice. She said she heard about a Saturday market downtown and I said I'd be interested in checking it out with her. S after brunch we went there which was fun for awhile. We came back to the dorms and a bunch of girls were hanging out in Jackie and Marley's room. That was actually really fun. Sophie was in there too, but then gradually people dispersed and Hannah's parents came so I wanted to come to our room and say hello. We were all in the room talking but then they had some business to take care of so they all left and then I was by myself. I occupied myself for awhile on Facebook, but that can get boring. Then I went into Tippy's room and we decided to go get dinner and go to Freebies at Freddy's, which was cool and I got a fridge for the room. I also got this picture frame college that I filled and I also surrounded it with pictures and I really like it. It makes me feel better but it also makes me miss home.

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Finding a Home in Oregon

Ziva's First Year at the UO

Preparing to Leave – September 20, 2010

Two days until I leave for college at University of Oregon in Eugene. I'm really really nervous! I'm excited because I'm wanting to see what it's like, but I'm also so scared. I'm literally the last person to go to college. All of my friends have already gone, I've been going stir crazy the last couple weeks since my camp ended and all my friends left for college. There's nothing to do, but now there's only a couple days left before I go and I have a lot of packing to do. Packing is really overwhelming. It makes everything seem so real. I think I'm going to be overpacked and I won't have space to put everything.

I just got home from my last visit to my dad's for awhile. It was really hard saying goodbye to him. I could tell my dad was getting choked up as I got on the train and it made me so sad. It's going to be weird living on my own. I realized my childhood is officially over now. For some reason that seems so crazy to me. I'm an adult – that's scary.

My roommate's name is Hannah and I can't wait to meet her. I really hope we get along because I feel like the roommate is the first real friend in college.

I'm also skeptical about my classes. I think I have too many, I have a class that's at 8AM which is so annoying, I don't want to be swamped with work, especially since it's going to be my first time having college-level classes. My advisor said the class is offered every term so if I want to, I can drop it. I think I'm definitely going to do that. I want to have time to be social and have fun and meet people.

So yeah, that's my deal. I guess the next time I write will be in Oregon! I'm so nervous!

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